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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, SA, FT

SUBJECT: SAUDIS PICK CONSUL FOR DJIBOUTI

REF: JIDDA 2088

1. THE DIRECTOR OF GULF AND PENINSULA AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ISMAIL AL SHURA, INFORMED US MARCH 29 THAT THE SAG HAD THREE DAYS AGO PICKED THE MAN WHO WOULD BE HEADING THEIR CONSULATE IN DJIBOUTI. HE DID NOT GIVE THE MAN'S NAME (IN VIEW OF THE SLOWNESS OF THE SAUDI BUREACRACY THE MAN HIMSELF MAY NOT YET KNOW HE HAS BEEN CHOSEN) BUT SAID THAT HE IS AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT CURRENTLY ON POST IN PARIS. HE WILL BE LBYBEN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO GET HIS AFFAIRS IN ORDER AND THEN COME TO JIDDA FOR INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE GOING TO DJIBOUTI, "POSSIBLY BEFORE THE END OF APRIL". HE WILL GO BACK TO PARIS TO RETRIEVE HIS FAMILY AFTER HE HAS GOTTEN SETTLED IN DJIBOUTI.

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2. COMMENT. WE KNOW THAT THE SAUDI WANT TO GET THEIR MAN IN PLACE IN DJIBOUTI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT WE HAVE NOTED THE ABILITY OF SAUDI DIPLOMATS TO DELAY FOR OFTEN EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS OF TIME THEIR DEPARTURE TO UNPOPULAR POSTS. ALL WE CAN SAY FOR SURE, THEREFORE, IS THAT THE SAUDIS NOW HAVE A CANDIDATE AND A TARGET DATE FOR OPENING

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